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SUBJ: KEEPING MINUTES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND JOINT WORKING GROUPS

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1. IN TALKING WITH EMBOFF, EGYPTIAN MFA COUNSELOR FOR
NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS SHILBAYA EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN
THAT NO MINUTES WERE APPARENTLY KEPT IN AT LEAST SOME
JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. IF THIS IS
TRUE, WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SOP BE ESTABLISHED
FOR DETAILED MINUTES TO BE KEPT OF ALL FUTURE MEETINGS.
THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN JEC AND JWG BEGIN TO DISCUSS
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS REQUIRING FOLLOW UP EITHER HERE OR IN
WASHINGTON.

2. WE KNOW FROM A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE WITH GOE MINISTRIES
THAT OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS DO NOT ALWAYS INTERPRET ORAL
COMMENTS THE SAME WAY AS WE DO. THERE IS A TENDANCY TO
READ MORE INTO STATEMENTS THAN WAS INTENDED. TO AVOID
FUTURE UNHELPFUL DISAGREEMENTS OF WHAT WAS SAID OR AGREED
UPON IN MEETINGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE AS FAR APART AS
CAIRO AND WASHINGTON, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE PREFERABLE IF
ANY SUCH JWG MINUTES WERE ON AGREED RECORD OF THE TALKS
AND WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO BOTH SIDES. IF THIS CANNOT

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BE DONE, WE SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE MINUTES FOR THE USE SIDE,

WHICH SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD HOPE A RAPPORTEUR WOULD BE
APPOINTED AT THE OUTSET OF THE MEETING.
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